



September 29, 2015

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Promoting Innovation and Competition in the Provision of Multichannel Video Programming  
Distribution Services (DN 14261)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing on behalf of Community Media Access Partnership (CMAP). For more than 14 years CMAP has operated a local media center and 5 PEG channels. Throughout our history, we've provided jobs, video production training, after school enrichment programs, job-prep programs for at risk youth and documentation of local government at work.

CMAP serves the towns of Gilroy, Hollister and San Juan Bautista, California. These small communities are in the media shadow. The mainstream media provides no coverage of local issues and events on any platform for this region. CMAP has provided access to equipment, training and distribution for community members who have created thousands of hours of informative television programs over the years.

We are concerned about the impact the proposed rulemaking (DN 14261) will have on our organization and our ability to provide Public, Educational and Government (PEG) Access services to our community. We strongly support the comments and reply comments of the City of San Antonio and of Anne Arundel County *et al.* in this proceeding.

We are particularly concerned about the rulemaking's proposal to classify over-the top (OTT) video services provided by cable franchise holders as something other than a "cable service." Such a designation would allow cable franchise holders to undercut their public interest obligations.

Without PEG fees, CMAP would not exist. This would draw a curtain in front of democracy for many who cannot get to public, government meetings in person and who depend on our telecasts and online archive to stay engaged in civic discourse. Valuable job training would be lost to college interns and at risk teens. No and low-cost production services would no longer be available to help non-profit organizations spread their messages. The community at large would lose a channel of important local information not available elsewhere. A viable bridge across the digital divide would be blocked along with a well-used path to creative self-expression. Many jobs would also be lost.

We ask the Commission not to diminish these vital PEG public interest requirements as it considers this proposed rulemaking.

Respectfully submitted.

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Cc: Chairman Tom Wheeler  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel  
Commissioner Ajit Pai  
Commissioner Michael O’Rielly